

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 8 October 2008 at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, 16 Broad Street, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Rick Atherton, Brian Chadwick, Michael Kopko, Allen Reinhard and Patricia Roggeveen. Chairman Kopko called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson announced that public informational meetings on the fiscal year 2010 budget will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Nantucket High School; Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 8:30 AM at Nantucket High School and Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 8:30 AM at Nantucket High School.

Ms. Gibson read an announcement from the Town Clerk that the state and presidential election will be held from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at the Nantucket High School and the deadline for voter registration is Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

Ms. Gibson announced that an Ocean Management Plan "listening session" sponsored by the state is scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Cyrus Pierce Middle School cafeteria.

Health Officer Richard Ray announced that a special Board of Health meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Nantucket High School cafeteria to discuss tick-borne disease issues.

Mr. Reinhard announced that the annual Cranberry Festival takes place this weekend from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Windswept Cranberry Bogs.

Chairman Kopko thanked Nancy Oliver for her assistance this past summer working in the Town Administration office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 5 October 2008. The payroll warrant for the week ending 5 October 2008 was approved by the unanimous consent of the meeting.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for 8 October 2008. The treasury warrant and pending contracts for 8 October 2008 were approved by the unanimous consent of the meeting with the exception of one item (Memorandum of Agreement with the Laborers' Union) which was tabled.

Nantucket Water Commission: Request to Schedule Special Town Meeting to Amend Appropriation(s) for New Water Tank Construction. Wannacomet Water Company manager Robert Gardner explained that bids were recently opened for the construction of a 2,000,000 gallon water storage tank to be built on land off Milestone Road near South Pasture, and a 400,000 gallon replacement water storage tank to be constructed in Siasconset, and the bids came in significantly higher than expected. Mr. Gardner continued that an additional \$4,000,000 in borrowing authorization is necessary and explained the need for a Special Town Meeting to seek this

additional authorization. Mr. Gardner stated that the contractor, Chicago Bridge and Iron, has agreed to hold its bid price until December 25, 2008, but if the additional authorization is not received by that date, the project will have to be rebid at a projected cost increase of \$1,045,000. Some discussion followed and Ms. Gibson reviewed a proposed timeline for the process. Mr. Reinhard moved to open the warrant on October 8, 2008 for a Special Town Meeting to be held on December 8, 2008; close the warrant at 4:00 PM on October 15, 2008, and adopt the warrant on October 15, 2008; seconded by Ms. Roggeveen. So voted unanimously.

Review Status of 2008-09 Board of Selectmen Goal #4 (Enhance Community Quality of Life)/Adopt a Coordinated Housing Plan Objective.

1) Discussion with Nantucket Housing Authority. Nantucket Housing Authority (NHA) chairman Linda Williams introduced members of the Housing Authority and Housing Authority executive director Renee Ceely provided the Board with a status report on the Housing Authority's housing action plan. Ms. Ceely noted that her office is coordinating its efforts with John Ryan, the consultant commissioned by the NHA in 2002 to prepare a comprehensive year-round housing needs assessment and the same consultant who is working with the Town of Nantucket regarding the use of a portion of 2 Fairgrounds Road for housing. Chairman Kopko expressed his opinion that the newly hired housing planner will be a good conduit between the NHA and other local housing agencies efforts.

2) Further Review of 2 Fairgrounds Road Community Housing Project Parameters. A discussion followed as to the direction of the 2 Fairgrounds Road community housing parameters. Chairman Kopko noted that consultant John Ryan has reported that he has begun to assemble the elements for a Request for Proposal (RFP) and has spoken with some prospective respondents about the best time to release the RFP. It was noted that the Town still needs to seek Town Meeting authorization for a long-term lease of the subject property. Some discussion followed concerning still needed resolution on some major areas such as the size of the parcel available for development; the mix of rental versus deed-restricted homeownership; levels of homeownership affordability, and local preference. It was unanimously agreed that the Planning Department and Housing Planner come back to the Board with recommendations concerning these issues.

Report Regarding Stop Sign at Salem Street. Ms. Gibson provided some background information noting that the stop sign was originally recommended in the Downtown Traffic and Circulation Study completed earlier this year, and subsequently approved on a trial basis by the Board of Selectmen to reduce the length of queuing and delay experienced along the Washington Street approach to downtown. Transportation Planner Mike Burns explained that the matter was discussed at a meeting of the Traffic Safety Work Group on October 7, 2008 with the discussion based on observations, made by the work group over the summer as to the effectiveness of the stop sign. Mr. Burns stated it was the consensus of the group to recommend the removal of the stop sign. Police Chief Pittman also spoke on the issue, stating that at peak times when the boats are arriving and departing, the stop sign was not effective. After some discussion, Mr. Chadwick moved that the stop sign be removed; seconded by Ms. Roggeveen. So voted unanimously.

FY 2010 General Fund Budget Projection Update. Ms. Gibson provided an overview of changes that have taken place since the initial FY 2010 budget projection update was presented to the Board in August, 2008. Assistant Finance Director Irene Larivee explained the factors that impact municipal budget projections, including Board of Selectmen goals; changes in statutory regulations,

and outside influences. Ms. Larivee provided a timeline for when such additional information as salaries, operating expenses, retirement costs and health insurance costs projections are expected. Ms. Larivee also reviewed current FY 2010 expenditure projections.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/COMMENT

Discussion Regarding Potential Revisions to Town of Nantucket Taxi Regulations. Mr. Chadwick inquired whether this matter should be on the agenda in light of the fact that a decision has not yet been rendered in the A-1 Taxi issue. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the Board would not discuss that issue tonight. Assistant Town Manager Malachy Rice explained the rationale for revising certain sections of the Taxi Regulations and Chairman Kopko stated his opinion that meters will still be a future requirement. Mr. Reinhard stated that he believes most of the complaints received relate to "fare abuse" and the only remedy to this problem is meters. Nantucket Taxi Association president John St Laurent stated that he recollects the Board was going to set up a "taxi advisory committee" to discuss the merits of meters. Mr. St. Laurent stated that meters are expensive to install and he prefers progressing to a GPS electronic based zone use system that would be purchased by the Town. A lengthy discussion followed and Police Chief Bill Pittman expressed his opinion that establishing such an advisory committee at this point is "reinventing the wheel." Chief Pittman added that the taxi community was instructed months ago to bring back to the Board a plan for adopting the use of meters, which is a Massachusetts General Law and, further, it is not the Town's obligation to purchase meters. Ms. Roggeveen concurred with Chief Pittman stating the Town cannot keep violating the law and meters should be operational by January 1, 2009. After some additional discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the taxi community should submit a proposal for the installation of meters to the Board by October 15, 2008, for further discussion on October 22, 2008.

Committee Reports. Each selectman provided an update on those committee/commissions and workgroups on which he/she participates. In addition, former selectman Whitey Willauer provided updates on those committees on which he continues to represent the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Chadwick updated the Board as to a meeting he and Ms. Gibson attended today with the County Government Finance Review Board in Boston regarding the FY 09 county budget.

Mr. Atherton noted that a new contract for air services is scheduled to be bid out in 2010 and asked if a letter could be sent to the current provider noting that a new contract will require compliance with the voluntary airplane noise abatement program. It was agreed to discuss such a letter at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Approved the 22nd day of October, 2008.